Broad gauge line in Assam

4275. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the opening of extended broad gauge line in Assam has been delayed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Delay in completion of oil installation for transhipment at Lumding without which conversion would have disrupted vital oil supplies.

(c) 1993-94.

Catering contract to sell tea and snacks from milk bars at Railway Platform

4276. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria in giving the catering contracts to sell tea and snacks from milk bars at Railway platform stalls;

(b) whether Government have permitted such cases in Western Railway in this regard;

(c) if so, whether the milk bar vendors are losing their sale due to revised policy of Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, and what steps are being taken by Government to meet the losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b) As per extant policy, conversion of Milk Bars into Tea Stalls, is not permitted. However, Zonal Railways have been authorised to permit sale of tea and limited snack items from Milk Bars at stations, where justified, and where the existing arrangements for sale of these items are considered inadequate, subject to certain stipulations.

(c) Record of profit/loss of Milk Bar licencees is not maintained with the Railway.

(d) Does not arise.

Share Capital of the Railways in the Gujarat State Road Transport Corporation

4277. SHRI ANANTRAY DEV SHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat has submitted any memorandum regarding share capital of the Railway in the Gujarat State Road Transport Corporation; and

(b) if so, the details of sanction of Government thereto and amount given to Gujarat State Road Transport Corporation by the Railways under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Government of Gujarat had submitted a memorandum in September, 1992 for release of Central Government's share of Capital Contribution.

(b) At present the budget provisions for the year 1992-93 for Central Capital Contribution have been fully utilised.